

Town of Manchester
April 14, 2015

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Warner, Melinda Smith, Tammy Black, Vince Pacelli, Debbie Howe, Dale Wilder, Steve Miller, Chief Hess, Kelly Baldwin and Natalie Singer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the March 10, 2015 minutes. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Black made a motion to receive the March 2015 Check Register. Mr. Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner commended the staff on all their hard work this past winter. He reminded citizens of the upcoming election to be held Tuesday, May 19, 2015. Applications for the 2015 Charlotte B. Collett Memorial Scholarship are due May 1, 2015. Hughes Trash will be picking up yard waste weekly from April through November on Fridays. This is a new service to residents.

Mr. Miller gave the monthly Town Administration and Public Works report. There is no change in the Sheetz project. Construction bids for the New Town Hall / Police Station should be ready by April. Code enforcement continues. Staff is researching grants for recycling bins. Am-Liner will begin relining the sewer mains on Grafton Street. Mr. Miller would like the Council to consider possible areas for the skate park relocation due to the storm water management project.

Bids for a zero-turn mower were received. Mr. Pacelli made a motion to approve the purchase of a Ferris IS 3200Z tractor from Baltimore Turf in the amount of \$9,947.22. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion continued on the relocation of the skate park. One of his suggestions is on Water Street near Christmas Tree Park. The new location would be able to accommodate the 60'x90' area needed. Mr. Pacelli questioned if there was adequate parking which Mr. Miller said there was plenty of space. Mr. Miller mentioned that the storm water project is slated to begin construction in the summer of 2016.

Chief Hess gave the monthly police report. There were 54 calls for service in March 2015. Traffic enforcement has continued on Southwestern Avenue, Augusta Road and Crossroads Overlook area. Chess Hess is working with the DEA in Baltimore to coordinate drug training at the request of Sheriff DeWees. Mayor Warner congratulated the Police Department on the arrest of a suspected heroin dealer. Mr. Wilder thanked the department as well.

Dr. Kenneth Fischer, principal of Manchester Valley High School, spoke to the Mayor and Council about the status of the Advisory Group he formed last year. Dr. Fischer believes this group and the school has succeeded in many areas is partly due to the support of this community. He also mentioned that Chief Hess has been very instrumental as well.

Mayor Warner introduced Ordinance No. 220 relating to the FY16 General Fund Budget maintaining the same tax rate of \$.216. There will be a public hearing at 7:30pm on Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

Helen Wagner, of Hallie Hill Farms community, questioned the relocation of the skate park. Mr. Miller explained that the current location off of Route 27 will become a storm water management facility.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Black made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin